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SUBJECT: ALLEGED USG INVOLVEMENT IN AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

1. LOCAL AFTERNOON PAPER HEADLINES STORY PICKED UP FROM THE EMISORIA NACIONAL SAYING THAT ACCORDING TO TIME MAGAZINE REPRESENTATIVES OF FLA HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE SAYS TIME REPORTED THAT THE CIA HAS DEVELOPED RECENT CONTACTS WITH FLA IN SPITE OF THE STRICT US POLICY OF NON INVOLVEMENT. THE CIA PLANS TO BE IN A POSITION TO HELP THE SEPARATISTS IN CASE LISBON TURNS COMMUNIST AND WANTS TO KEEP OPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND OCCASSIONALLY OFFER INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST SERIOUS ALLEGATION WE HAVE SEEN OF USG ENVOLVEMENT IN THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. THE ARTICLE WILL BE WIDELY BELIEVED HERE ESPECIALLY SINCE THE SOURCE IS A WELL KNOWN U.S. PUBLICATION, NOT A COMMUNIST LEANING PORTUGUESE ONE. FROM HERE IT WOULD SEEM BEST TO ADMIT, WHEN QUESTIONED, THAT AN UNNAMED FLA REPRESENTATIVE WAS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT HE WAS GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT OR SUPPORT AND THAT THIS IN NO WAY REPRESENTS A CHANGE OF USG
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